

Fecha di fundacion : 1981

Museo Arqueologico Aruba a ser funda pa mostra publico en general e material arqueologico haya na Aruba y duna informacion tocante arqueologia di Aruba.

Gruponan riba cual ta enfoca: Publico en general, nacional y internacional. School ta forma un “targetgroup” special pa museo.

Meta di Museo Arqueologico Aruba:

1. Haci investigacionan cientifico pa asina registra y documenta na un manera responsabel e prehistoria y historia di Aruba.
2. Duna informacion na publico tocante prehistoria y pasado Indian, via exposicion, publicacion, presentacionnan y sosten na desaroyo curriculum di enseñanza.
3. Conservacion y mantencion di e herencia arqueologico Arubano.
4. Haci trabaonan pa cumpli mastanto cu e liñanan di guia pa museum di e “International Council of Museums”.

Cu e proposito di presenta na e comunidad Arubano y bishitante internacional e rikesa arqueologico di Aruba su herencia na un forma científicamente responsable. Museo Arqueologico Aruba a ser funda 1981. durante aña nan MAA a expande su metanan y bira un instituto di documentacion y investigacion, un tarea primordial pa educa.cu Through the years, the AMA expanded its goals into becoming a leading research nstitution with important education tasks.

In the late 1980's AMA identified its need for an adequate housing for its collection and activities. After studying various options, a project proposal was drawn up, including the acquisition and restoration of historical buildings in downtown Oranjestad.

These historical buildings were formerly the property of the Ecury family. The "Ecury Complex", is a cluster of single and two-story historic buildings, mainly Dutch colonial architecture from the late 19th and 20th century on a plot of approximately 1.700 m².

In 1997 the Aruban Government bought the complex for the National Archaeological Museum project. In 2004 a financial agreement was signed with the European Development Fund and in 2006 restoration and construction work began on the monumental buildings and the new to build exhibition space. In December 2007 the key to the complex was delivered and the museum's employees moved to the new location. The final design for the exhibit was completed in November 2007 and the permanent exhibit, financed by the Aruban Government and the Union of Cultural Organizations (UNOCA), is scheduled to open in the fall of 2008.

At the new location the AMA disposes of approximately 500 m² for its permanent exhibit. This exhibit will convey through archaeological objects and modern exhibition techniques information on the origin and culture of the first inhabitants of the island. The new permanent exhibit will give the visitor an insight into the cultures that inhabited the island in Pre-Historical and Early Historical times. The museum will also host an attractive public program including lectures, educational projects, temporary exhibits and workshops.